Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation
Division of Solid Waste Management

Household Paint Management Requirements

POLICY

Background

Tennessee's Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Collection Program is sponsored by the Division of Solid Waste Management (SWM). Currently, paint constitutes 50-60 % of all materials collected at HHW events. SWM believes that this waste can be safely managed by local government and thereby free up additional money for the HHW program.

This document establishes the regulatory requirements for counties involved in household paint collection and handling.

Collection

One likely collection point will be an existing, permitted solid waste facility. This may be a convenience center, transfer station, solid waste processing facility or a landfill. In this scenario, the owner should amend the permit to explain where and how paint collection will take place. This permit amendment will be considered a minor change and will not be subject to fees.

A second possibility is that the collection point will be at a location that is not a permitted facility. This includes recycling centers and maintenance shops. No permit requirement exists for this option. The county should notify the SWM field office of the collection point.

Paint Handling and Processing

Household paint may be given away, or consolidated (blended) for reuse without any additional permit requirements.

Household latex paint that is not reused may be solidified for disposal. Household oil-based paint that is not reused may be placed in lined cubic yard boxes (supplied by the state's contractor) until picked up by the contractor for disposal. This operation may be performed at an existing, permitted solid waste facility. This may be at a convenience center, transfer station, solid waste processing facility or landfill. This will require an amendment to the permit but not require a separate permit. This will be a minor permit change and not subject to fees. If solidification is to be performed at a location that is not currently permitted, a separate permit-by-rule application must be submitted to SWM with the appropriate fee.

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